

## **Section 1. Title**

This local law shall be known as the "Village of Dansville Backyard Chicken Law."

## **Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of this law is to allow the keeping of chickens in the Village of Dansville under regulated conditions to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community while maintaining property standards.

## **Section 3. Definitions**

As used in this law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

- **Chicken** – A domesticated bird of the species *Gallus gallus domesticus*, excluding roosters.
- **Owner** – The legal titleholder of a single-family residential property.
- **Permit** – Written approval issued by the Village Code Enforcement Officer authorizing the keeping of chickens on a specific property.

## **Section 4. Permit Requirement**

- A. No person shall keep or maintain chickens within the Village of Dansville without first obtaining a permit from the Village Code Enforcement Officer.
- B. The applicant must be the legal owner of the property where the chickens will be kept.
- C. Permits shall only be issued for single-family residential properties.
- D. The keeping of chickens is strictly prohibited in any business district.
- E. Permits shall expire annually on December 31st and must be renewed each year for a fee of \$10.

## **Section 5. Property and Space Requirements**

- A. The owner must provide adequate space for the chickens, ensuring humane conditions and proper containment.
- B. Chickens must be kept in a secure, enclosed area designed to prevent escape.
- C. Coops and enclosures must be set back at least 15 feet from property lines and 20 feet from any dwelling on an adjacent property.
- D. Chickens and their enclosures shall not be permitted in the front yard or on the roadside portion of the property. All chickens must be kept in the backyard or an area not visible from the road.
- E. A minimum of 200 square feet of green space must be dedicated for the chicken

enclosure. In addition, a minimum of 100 square feet of green space shall be required for each chicken kept on the property. For example:

- 2 chickens require at least 200 sq ft.
- 3 chickens require at least 300 sq ft.
- 4 chickens require at least 400 sq ft.

#### **Section 6. Containment and Responsibility**

- A. The owner shall ensure that all chickens remain on their property at all times.
- B. If chickens are found off the owner's property, the Village may issue a warning or other actions outlined in Section 7.
- C. Repeated instances of chickens leaving the owner's property may result in the revocation of the permit.

#### **Section 7. Enforcement and Penalties**

- A. The Village Code Enforcement Officer shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this law.
- B. Any violation of this law may result in:
  - 1. A written warning for a first offense.
  - 2. A fine of up to \$100 for a second offense.
  - 3. Revocation of the permit for a third offense.
- C. If a permit is revoked, the owner must remove all chickens within 30 days.
- D. The Village Board, at its sole discretion, may revoke a permit at any time if it determines that the keeping of chickens is causing a nuisance, a public health concern, or is otherwise not in the best interest of the community.